

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, JUNE QUARTER 1968

Details of industrial accidents are extracted from claims for workers' compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period.

The Queensland State Government Insurance Office is the only body authorised under the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation Acts, 1916 to 1966", to issue industrial accident policies in Queensland. Claims made on that office are therefore the sole source of information on compensative industrial accidents.

However, while all employers must insure their employees, not all industrial accidents are covered since, under the Compensation Acts, self-employed persons are not obliged to insure and hence a number of accidents to workers in primary industry, the professions, etc. are not recorded. Similarly, members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service, including the P.M.G.'s Department, are excluded by the provisions of the Act and coverage is thereby restricted in the administrative and communications industries.

By definition, the scope of the collection is limited to include only those injured employees who lost at least a full shift from work as a result of the accident. This publication excludes particulars of accidents occurring during recess periods or on the journey to or from work and of occupational diseases which are published annually only.

Definitions

An Industrial Accident is defined as any compensated work injury or a compensated occupational disease causing death or permanent disability, or the temporary disability of the injured person during the entire interval corresponding to the hours of his or her regular shift on any one or more calendar days subsequent to the date of the injury. Details of Work Injuries only are given in the following tables.

Fatal injuries are so classified regardless of the time intervening between injury and death, providing that death occurs within three years of the intimation of the claim.

Permanent Disability is an injury or disease which does not cause death but which results in the complete loss or loss of use of any member or part of a member of the body, or any permanent impairment of functions of the body or part thereof.

Temporary Disability is any injury which does not result in death or permanent impairment, but which renders the injured person unable to perform a regularly established job during the entire time interval corresponding to the hours of a full, regular shift.

Duration of Temporary Disability refers to the calendar period of incapacity, not to the actual number of working days lost.

Agency Related to the Accident is the agency (i.e., work conditions, production equipment, or persons, animals, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature or condition precipitated the event designated as the accident.

Type of Accident is the event which directly resulted in the injury (i.e., the manner in which contact was made between the injured person and the object or substance causing the injury).

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability,
June Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability							
		Fatal	Perman-ent	Tempo-rary	1 Day to 7 Days	Over 7 to 14 Days	Over 2 to 4 Weeks	1 to 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Days Lost		
										Total	Average	
Males												
TOTAL	11,731	17	249	11,465	4,552	3,198	1,939	1,712	64	210,029	18.3	
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	159	3	3	153	64	36	25	28	-	2,743	17.9	
Salesmen	138	1	3	134	56	30	27	21	-	2,136	15.9	
Farmers, Fishermen, and Timber-getters	1,151	3	46	1,102	232	361	217	285	7	27,338	24.8	
Miners and Quarrymen ..	309	-	7	302	98	98	65	37	4	5,908	19.6	
Road Transport Workers ..	697	3	12	682	238	168	137	136	3	14,001	20.5	
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	199	-	1	198	96	53	24	24	1	2,964	15.0	
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	2,516	2	40	2,474	1,344	560	320	242	8	34,812	14.1	
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	1,010	-	32	978	369	297	155	154	3	17,297	17.7	
Painters and Decorators ..	138	-	2	136	57	39	16	23	1	2,441	17.9	
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	503	1	8	494	195	125	93	77	4	9,749	19.7	
Food and Beverage Workers	1,039	-	31	1,008	402	359	151	92	4	14,967	14.8	
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	382	1	5	376	135	112	66	59	4	8,773	23.3	
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	620	-	12	608	220	160	123	100	5	13,601	22.4	
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,990	2	24	1,964	714	580	366	290	14	36,848	18.8	
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	258	-	6	252	80	67	47	55	3	6,019	23.9	
Other Occupations ..	622	1	17	604	252	153	107	89	3	10,432	17.3	
Females												
TOTAL	957	-	11	946	360	274	176	133	3	17,151	18.1	
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	87	-	3	84	40	12	12	18	2	2,285	27.2	
Sales Workers	90	-	2	88	38	22	13	15	-	1,534	17.4	
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	27	-	-	27	16	5	4	2	-	277	10.3	
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	26	-	1	25	5	9	8	3	-	476	19.0	
Metal Process Workers ..	34	-	1	33	13	9	8	3	-	514	15.6	
Food and Beverage Workers	152	-	1	151	60	50	23	18	-	2,386	15.8	
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	56	-	-	56	22	15	14	5	-	831	14.8	
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	152	-	2	150	61	49	24	16	-	2,390	15.9	
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	293	-	-	293	93	97	60	42	1	5,487	18.7	
Other Occupations ..	40	-	1	39	12	6	10	11	-	971	24.9	

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Nature of Injury, June Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Nature of Injury									
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries	
Males											
TOTAL	11,731	1,391	2,847	18	117	3,409	866	1,799	482	802	
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	159	28	47	-	1	27	8	21	8	19	
Salesmen	138	20	46	2	1	28	5	19	3	14	
Farmers, Fishermen, and Timber-getters	1,151	217	203	2	25	421	63	128	16	76	
Miners and Quarrymen ..	309	46	55	1	2	87	18	74	6	20	
Road Transport Workers ..	697	118	227	2	4	115	25	128	12	66	
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	199	23	53	-	-	46	17	25	12	23	
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	2,516	239	509	3	22	654	332	342	224	191	
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	1,010	121	225	1	21	351	60	160	12	59	
Painters and Decorators ..	138	15	54	-	1	20	9	20	7	12	
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	503	77	140	1	2	121	41	84	12	25	
Food and Beverage Workers	1,039	43	146	-	8	577	74	109	37	45	
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	382	57	101	-	2	79	26	73	15	29	
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	620	77	236	1	2	107	19	118	7	53	
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,990	206	527	3	12	576	134	355	68	109	
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	258	37	81	2	2	40	8	37	24	27	
Other Occupations ..	622	67	197	-	12	160	27	106	19	34	
Females											
TOTAL	957	91	260	-	5	272	44	187	47	51	
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	87	12	30	-	-	6	4	23	4	8	
Sales Workers ..	90	6	30	-	1	24	3	17	3	6	
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	27	2	5	-	-	14	-	4	-	2	
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	26	5	5	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	
Metal Process Workers ..	34	3	6	-	1	15	2	5	1	1	
Food and Beverage Workers	152	5	34	-	1	60	15	25	6	6	
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	56	9	9	-	-	18	2	13	3	2	
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	152	9	38	-	1	43	10	34	7	10	
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	293	35	88	-	-	75	7	51	22	15	
Other Occupations ..	40	5	15	-	1	9	1	7	1	1	

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Type of Accident, June Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Type of Accident									
		Falls of Persons	Struck by Falling Objects	Striking or Struck by Objects	Caught in or between Objects	Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	Extreme Temperatures	Electric Current	Harmful Substances or Radiation	Other Types	
Males											
TOTAL	11,731	2,422	1,345	4,042	1,048	1,907	380	14	216	357	
Primary Production ..	1,133	281	99	448	118	118	15	-	9	45	
Mining and Quarrying ..	334	63	80	76	47	46	10	-	3	9	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	245	40	41	60	33	47	5	1	8	10	
Metal Refining and Products	716	83	86	275	68	101	49	2	37	15	
Machinery & General Engineering	1,411	189	162	548	107	229	95	-	56	25	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	1,094	148	86	642	46	96	33	2	9	32	
Other Food and Drink Processing	624	152	48	163	83	108	31	-	21	18	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	589	77	88	221	89	97	10	1	1	5	
Preparation of Skins and Leather Goods Manufacturing	54	9	3	20	5	11	1	-	2	3	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing	67	10	4	20	8	20	4	-	-	1	
Other Manufacturing ..	257	39	22	67	50	50	12	1	10	6	
Electricity and Gas ..	169	39	15	47	12	41	7	4	1	3	
Water Supply and Sewerage	160	40	31	47	6	27	1	-	2	6	
Building Construction, Repairs	1,165	314	162	349	57	195	27	1	23	37	
Other Construction Works ..	1,239	262	158	414	105	226	19	-	14	41	
Road Transport ..	409	128	53	80	35	81	6	-	2	24	
Other Transport and Storage	602	196	75	131	70	103	10	-	4	13	
Commerce and Finance ..	1,096	239	108	329	88	241	26	2	10	53	
Community and Business Services	166	43	12	52	8	37	7	-	2	5	
Amusement and Personal Services	180	59	11	48	13	30	11	-	2	6	
Other Industries ..	21	11	1	5	-	3	1	-	-	-	
Females											
TOTAL	957	242	69	319	82	158	40	-	8	39	
Primary Production ..	31	13	2	6	4	3	1	-	-	2	
Metal Refining and Products, General Engineering ..	38	6	8	12	6	3	1	-	-	2	
Textile Manufacturing ..	21	2	2	9	3	4	-	-	-	1	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	29	8	2	6	7	5	-	-	-	1	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	190	24	7	101	8	36	4	-	2	8	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable Canning	58	15	6	19	3	7	2	-	2	4	
Other Food and Drink Processing	42	7	4	16	5	4	1	-	1	4	
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manufacturing ..	20	2	-	10	5	3	-	-	-	-	
Other Manufacturing ..	46	6	4	13	14	4	3	-	1	1	
Commerce and Finance ..	158	51	15	45	11	19	9	-	-	8	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	114	41	2	24	1	36	6	-	-	4	
Other Community etc. Services	36	14	1	7	3	10	1	-	-	-	
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Restaurants, etc. ..	127	39	14	42	7	11	10	-	-	4	
Amusement and Other Personal Services	28	10	-	5	4	7	1	-	1	-	
Other Industries ..	19	4	2	4	1	6	1	-	1	-	

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Agency Related to Accident, June Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Agency Related to Accident									
		Metal and Woodworking Machines	Other Machines and Installed Equipment	Lifting Equipment	Hand Tools, Moveable Equipment	Means of Transport	Materials, Substances, and Radiation	Indoor Working Environment	Outdoor and Underground Environment	Other Agencies	
		Males									
TOTAL	11,731	835	742	179	2,559	1,302	424	635	676	4,379	
Primary Production ..	1,133	34	124	4	224	124	16	10	155	442	
Mining and Quarrying ..	334	8	52	7	50	42	12	8	60	95	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	245	8	20	6	32	32	13	13	8	113	
Metal Refining and Products	716	164	13	17	120	20	51	41	3	287	
Machinery & General Engineering	1,411	302	43	18	323	98	63	82	22	460	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	1,094	10	36	7	491	38	28	99	14	371	
Other Food and Drink Processing	624	35	75	11	102	57	52	64	12	216	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	589	132	9	9	57	35	7	35	11	294	
Preparation of Skins and Leather Goods Manufacturing ..	54	-	5	-	16	5	4	-	-	19	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing	67	2	17	-	14	4	1	2	4	23	
Other Manufacturing ..	257	16	50	8	37	19	22	17	2	86	
Electricity and Gas ..	169	5	18	2	40	19	10	11	20	44	
Water Supply and Sewerage	160	1	8	3	25	7	3	7	23	83	
Building Construction & Repairs	1,165	48	42	11	387	47	39	50	114	427	
Other Construction Works ..	1,239	32	97	15	302	153	28	11	121	480	
Road Transport ..	409	7	17	15	38	125	10	25	14	158	
Other Transport and Storage	602	2	5	19	52	279	20	23	39	163	
Commerce and Finance ..	1,096	24	72	24	188	168	24	87	31	478	
Community and Business Services	166	4	13	2	31	16	8	27	7	58	
Amusement and Personal Services	180	1	26	1	25	11	13	15	12	76	
Other Industries ..	21	-	-	-	5	3	-	3	4	6	
Females											
TOTAL	957	14	115	3	140	45	32	218	21	369	
Primary Production ..	31	-	1	-	2	1	-	6	7	14	
Metal Refining and Products, General Engineering ..	38	11	-	-	5	-	1	5	-	16	
Textile Manufacturing ..	21	-	9	-	5	3	-	1	-	3	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	29	-	11	-	2	-	-	8	-	8	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	190	-	17	-	56	4	1	23	-	89	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable Canning	58	-	3	-	9	4	2	14	-	26	
Other Food and Drink Processing	42	-	9	-	5	2	2	2	1	21	
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manufacturing ..	20	-	11	1	1	-	-	3	-	4	
Other Manufacturing ..	46	3	8	2	8	3	4	2	1	15	
Commerce and Finance ..	158	-	23	-	20	15	5	44	4	47	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	114	-	4	-	9	4	5	41	5	46	
Other Community etc. Services	36	-	2	-	4	2	1	12	2	13	
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Cafes	127	-	8	-	11	3	8	40	-	57	
Amusement, Other Personal Serv.	28	-	7	-	2	-	1	12	1	5	
Other Industries ..	19	-	2	-	1	4	2	5	-	5	

Table 5 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Nature of Injury, June Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All Injuries	Nature of Injury									
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries	
Total Persons											
TOTAL	12,688	1,482	3,107	18	122	3,681	910	1,986	529	853	
Falls of Persons	2,664	495	1,105	8	3	281	61	524	2	185	
Struck by Falling Objects	1,414	362	79	2	8	347	68	500	-	48	
Stepping on, Striking or Struck by Objects	4,361	232	142	1	39	2,581	692	571	9	94	
Caught in or between Objects	1,130	251	51	3	71	378	19	333	1	23	
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	2,065	82	1,668	1	-	3	1	10	-	300	
Exposure to or Contact with Extreme Temperature	420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	411	9	
Exposure to or Contact with Electric Current	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	
Exposure to or Contact with Harmful Substances	224	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	101	117	
Traffic Accidents	131	42	14	3	-	31	5	24	-	12	
Other Types	265	17	48	-	1	60	58	24	4	53	

